(c) Microzonation for all the urban centres of the country is not necessary. The requirement depends upon the earthquake risk in a particular urban centre. At present it is not possible to say how much time it will take.However, Ministry of Home Affairs has recently constituted an Expert Group for formulation of national programme for seismic microzonation, seismic hazard, risk assessment and mitigation action plan.

Proposals of voluntary organisations

997. DR. CHHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of voluntary organization who submitted their proposals under Science and Society Division-Department of Biotechnology and Department of Science and Technology during the last three years;

(b) the action taken on the above said proposals;

(c) whether it is a fact that the proposals of voluntary organizations of Western Uttar Pradesh especially of Bulandshahar district are not being accepted; and

(d) the number of voluntary organizations of Bulandshahar district of Uttar Pradesh who have submitted their proposals and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) During the last three years, 320 voluntary organizations submitted their proposals to the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and 390 voluntary organizations submitted their proposals to the Science and Society Division, Department of Science and Technology (DST).

(b) Each proposal is carefully evaluated through a committee of experts and peer group review. Out of the total 320 proposals received by DBT, 52 were found suitable for funding and 314 were funded by DST out of 780 proposals received. Rest of the proposals were not found suitable for funding.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) During the last three years, only one voluntary organization from Bulandshahar district (U.P.) submitted three project proposals. One of them has been sanctioned by the Science and Society Division of DST.